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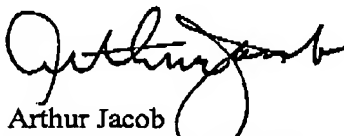
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It is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be accorded special status and advanced out of turn for examination or for further action, under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.102(c) and Section 708.02 of the MPEP, part III.

Submitted herewith is a declaration of Roger Strair, the treating physician of applicant.

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